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IT WAS PADDLE, PADDLE, PADDLE—Calm seas made it a slow crossing from Molokai to Oahu in the annual canoe race yesterday, and hard work for the winning Healani crew.—Photo by John Titchen.

Molokai-Oahu Race Won by Hard-Paddling Crew

By Lyle Nelson
Star-Bulletin Writer

The palms of his hands were full of white bumps, blisters as big as dimes and some of them were broken and red and raw underneath.

"They hurt," said Coach Franklin Crozier of the winning Healani crew, but he couldn't stop laughing, smiling and pumping the hands of excited friends.

Healani had finally won the Molokai-Oahu Canoe Race, a 37½-nautical mile test of endurance, brawn and seamanship.

"WE TRAINED hard, we were confident," said Crozier, whose uncle is the famous political campaigner Willie Crozier.

"It was nice and smooth and we led all the way," said the steersman, Gary Murakami, the only crewman to complete the entire ride without relief.

"Murakami, he did it," said Crozier.

"I hope we have the same group back again next year," he added.

THE HEALANI crew made the crossing from Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai, to Duke Kahanamoku Beach at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in six hours and 24 minutes, a slow time.

Lack of water made it a slow crossing for the eight canoes in the 19th annual Aloha Week event.

With swell, the koa wood canoes have a chance to surf a little but this year it was hard work all the way—just paddle, paddle, paddle.

When the blue and white canoe, named the Papaloo, reached the finish line close to shore, the crowd surged forward toward the happy crew.

People applauded, shouted, yelled, laughed.

Girls wearing the blue and white Healani colors rushed into the water to put leis on their men and give them cartons of passion fruit-orange drink.

"We drank Gator Ade all the way," said Crozier.

The crew was not in an exhausted, prostrate condition as sometimes occurs in the channel crossing.

WAIKIKI SURF CLUB

was gunning for its 11th victory but it wasn't to be. W.S.C. finished in 6:38 followed by Outrigger in 6:55.33.

Once again the fiber glass boats were no match for wooden-hulled canoes.

The non-koa division was won this year by Waikiki Surf for the first time.

The Healani crew, ranging in age from 20 to 36, won the non-koa event three times and decided to shoot for the wooden-hull title this year.

Pat Silva, a veteran canoe coach and a director of the Healani club, said, "I knew they would get it this year because they were in fine condition. They had won five novice races this season and they were ready."

PRESIDENT Clement Paiaina's Healani crew consisted of Richard Bell, in the No. 1 position; Ed Doernberger, No. 2; Cappy Sheeley, No. 3; Lance Mann, No. 4; Harry Ho, No. 5, and Gary Murakami, steersman.

The alternates, who took turns paddling at regular intervals, were Crozier, Al Price and John Groth.

Mann, Doernberger and Price are members of the Punahou School faculty.

Crozier said his team plowed along at a 42 to 48 stroke-a-minute pace and decided to come straight across following the start at Molokai at 7:27 a.m.

IT WAS ALMOST glassy calm for the boats, the sky overcast and the escort boats had no trouble keeping track of the field which was spread out over five miles by noon.

Swells were about five to eight feet at the most.

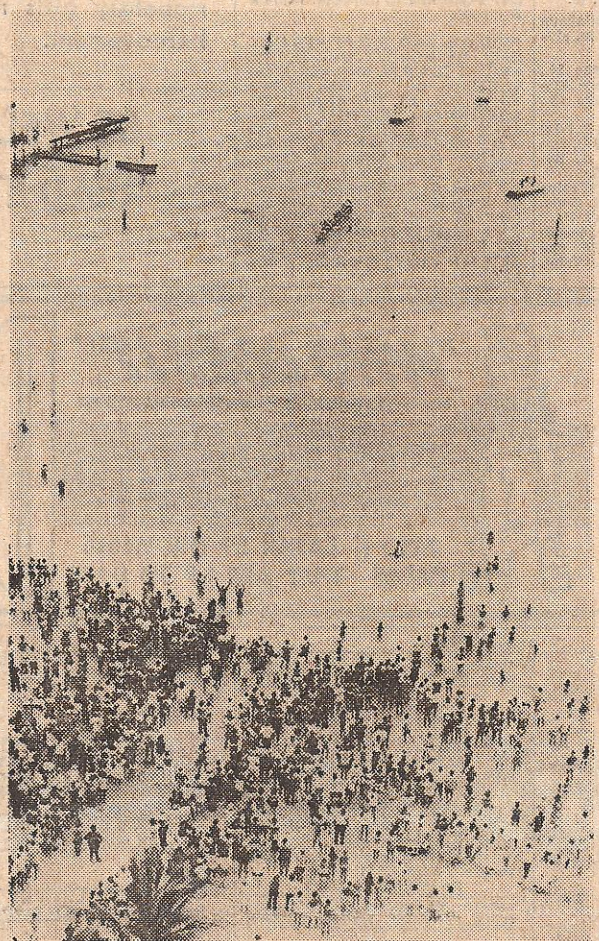
Healani's first victory in the koa class was nearly a half hour off the 1968 record crossing of Outrigger in 1968.

It was even much slower than Healani's own glass-hulled record of 6:03:28, also set in 1968.

But it was much better than the winning time in the first race. Kukui O Lanikaula of Molokai took 8:55 to make the 1952 crossing.

Waikiki Surf won the koa class last year in 6:38:26.

The California entry in the glass division, Marina del Rey of Newport Beach, was never in it. It finished third.



JOYOUS GREETING—Crowds on shore at Duke Kahanamoku Beach gave an enthusiastic welcome to the winning Healani crew.



CHANNEL CROSSING WINNERS—Healani crew shows off its trophies. Kneeling in front, left to right, Richard Bell, Cappy Sheeley, Harry Ho and Gary Murakami. In back, Ed Doernberger, John Groth, Al Price, Franklin Crozier, Lance Mann and club president Clement Paiaina.

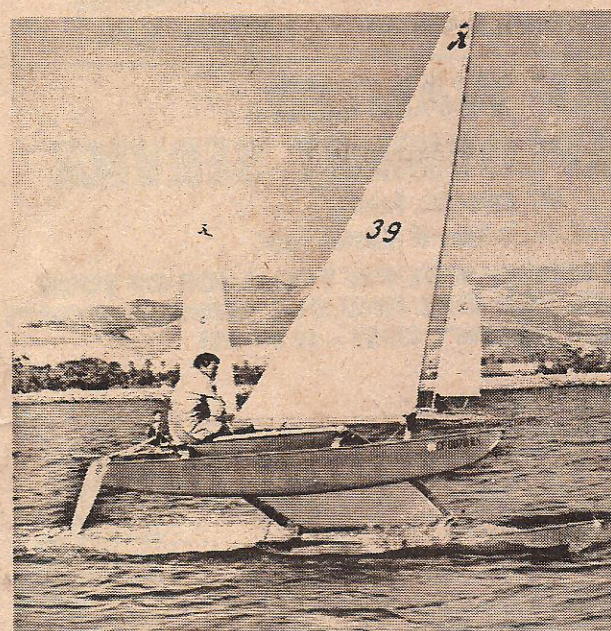
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HOBIE CAT 14

RACE SCHEDULE — Thursday —

Consolation Qualifying Race - 3 races
First race starts at 10:00 a.m. - last race over by 2:00 p.m. (No skipper already qualified may participate in this race.)

Friday —

10:00 a.m. - First Race in front of the O.C.C.
11:30 a.m. - Second Race in front of the O.C.C.
2:00 p.m. - Third Race from O.C.C. to Keehi Lagoon (Leave boats at Lagoon and take bus back to the hotel.)

Saturday —

8:30 a.m. - Bus leaves Kaimana for Keehi Lagoon
10:00 a.m. - Fourth Race - Keehi Lagoon
10:00 a.m. - Fifth Race - Keehi Lagoon
2:00 p.m. - Sixth Race - Keehi Lagoon to O.C.C.

Sunday —

10:00 a.m. - Seventh Race - O.C.C.
11:30 a.m. - Eighth Race - O.C.C.
5:00 p.m. - Trophy Presentation at Outrigger Canoe Club.

Honolulu Hosting 'Hobie' Nationals

Forty-five boats from a dozen states will compete in the Second Annual Hobie-14 National Championships, October 23-25, off Honolulu.

Represented in the entourage will be 10 qualifiers from Hawaii, including State Champion Ted Crane, who copped the State title this month by edging former champion, Rick Naish, a teacher at Roosevelt High School. Naish is also participating in the Championships, along with fellow islanders Cappy Sheeley of Waikiki Yacht Club, John Tatom, Paul Stanley, Leith Anderson, Herb Andresen, Dick Metz, Danny Delaunay and Jeff Faulkner.

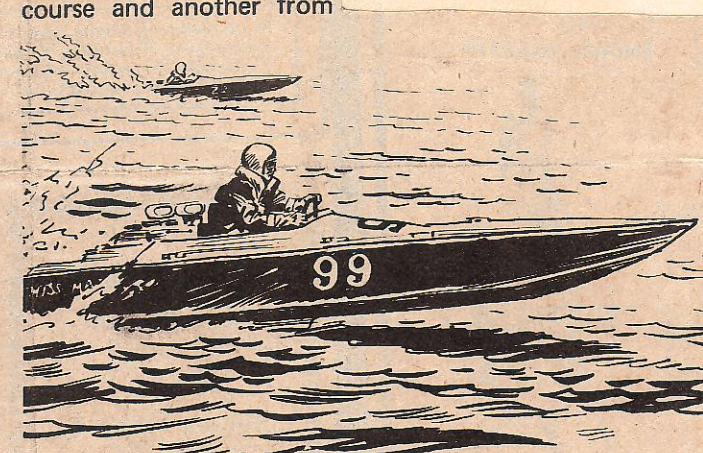
Crane won the best-of-six-heat competition by collecting two firsts, a pair of seconds and a fourth place finish in match races. Assured of victory, he bowed out of the sixth race.

A consolation race for last minute qualification will be held October 22 over the Outrigger Canoe Club Course. Championships get underway in the early hours Friday morning, October 23, with two races across the OCC course and another from

The Club to Keehi Lagoon.

Saturday action will stretch over the Keehi course and then back across Mamala Bay to OCC.

Final day competition will be run on the OCC course, concluding at 2 p.m. Trophy presentations will be made at the Club at 5 p.m.



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